

SQL Neat Tips and Tricks

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What this presentation will cover:

- Library Groups
 - Limit to a group
 - Group Description instead of ID
- Links
 - Other Reports
 - Edit Report
 - Edit directly (patron, bib, item, system pref)
- Action Logs

Library Groups

Limit to a Library Group

WHERE (library_groups.parent_id=
<<Group|GROUPS>>)

```
SELECT
items.barcode,items.itemcallnumber,biblio.title,biblio.author,items.damaged,items.itemlost
,items.ccode,
items.withdrawn,items.notforloan,items.location,items.homebranch
FROM items
LEFT JOIN biblioitems ON (items.biblioitemnumber=biblioitems.biblioitemnumber)
LEFT JOIN biblio ON (biblioitems.biblionumber=biblio.biblionumber)
LEFT JOIN library_groups ON (items.homebranch=library_groups.branchcode)
WHERE library_groups.parent_id=<<Group|GROUPS>>
ORDER BY items.homebranch, items.ccode, items.itemcallnumber ASC
```

Group: All Districts and Groups ▼

Run the report

- All Districts and Groups
- Asotin County Library System
- Asotin High School
- Clarkston School District
- Clearwater Memorial Public Library
- Culdesac School District
- Grangeville Centennial Library
- Kamiah School District
- Lapwai School District
- Latah County Library District
- Lewiston City Library - LEW and CRR
- Lewiston School District
- Mountain View School District
- Prairie High School
- Prairie River Library District
- School District 171 - THS and OHS

Library Groups with Group Description Not ID (example)

For this one you have to call the table twice, once as lg_child and once as lg_parent

```
FROM library_groups lg_child  
LEFT JOIN library_groups lg_parent ON (lg_child.parent_id = lg_parent.id)
```

Then in your **SELECT** statement you can call **lg_parent.description** to get the description of the group/district rather than a number.

```
SELECT  
    lg_parent.id,  
    lg_parent.title AS parent_title,  
    lg_parent.description AS parent_description,  
    branches.branchname,  
    lg_child.branchcode AS child_branch  
FROM  
    library_groups lg_parent  
LEFT JOIN library_groups lg_child on (lg_parent.id = lg_child.parent_id)  
LEFT JOIN branches ON (lg_child.branchcode = branches.branchcode)  
  
WHERE  
    lg_parent.parent_id = 1
```

Links

Links in Reports

Links in reports all start as a CONCAT statement because you need to put together multiple parts:

```
SELECT CONCAT()
```

Within the CONCAT statement, you then add the start of your link:

```
SELECT CONCAT('<a href=\"/cgi-bin/koha/reports/guided_reports.pl?reports=',
```

By starting the link at /cgi-bin it can be run on any Koha system (say your server+test server or shared on the reports library) without having to edit the link syntax. We stopped after the '=' because the next part is going to be populated by our report as the ID of the report listed.

```
SELECT CONCAT('<a href=\"/cgi-bin/koha/reports/guided_reports.pl?reports=', id,
```

This gives a link to the listed reports in the first column of the report results based on the id of the report.

Links in Reports - Example Report

Next we are going to add the end of the link. I always like to make links open in new tabs, so I add a blank target.

```
SELECT CONCAT('<a href=\"/cgi-bin/koha/reports/guided_reports.pl?reports=', id, '\" target=\"_blank\">'
```

Next you need to define what the link will be output as (rather than listing the whole link, what do you want that column to say.)

```
SELECT CONCAT('<a href=\"/cgi-bin/koha/reports/guided_reports.pl?reports=', id, '\" target=\"_blank\">', id, '</a>' ) AS  
id
```

You can have it say the same work in each column or fill it based on a field. In my example, I called the id field and finally defined the column as id so the column heading would be called ID.

You can take it a step further and add a link directly to edit the report. In my example report I wanted to see what reports needed to be changed when we did an update and with the below change I can go straight to editing the report:

```
SELECT CONCAT('<a href=\"/cgi-bin/koha/reports/guided_reports.pl?reports=', id, '&phase=Edit%20SQL\">', id, '</a>' ) AS id
```


Links in Reports - Edit Patron Specific Section

```
select cardnumber,length(cardnumber), CONCAT('<a  
href=\"/cgi-bin/koha/members/memberentry.pl?op=modify&borrowernumber=', borrowernumber, '&step=3\">',  
borrowernumber, '</a>' ) AS borrowernumber
```

Example Report (540)

Action Logs

Action Logs - Example

Sometimes it can be really difficult to find what you want in the action logs. This report, which I believe we got from the wiki, allows us to put in a patron barcode number and a date range to get the information we want.

```
SELECT
    Log.timestamp,
concat( librarian.firstname, ' ', librarian.surname, ' (' , librarian.cardnumber, ')') AS Librarian,
    Log.action,
    Log.object,
    Log.info,
    Log.interface
FROM
    borrowers patron
    INNER JOIN (
        SELECT borrowernumber, reserve_id FROM reserves
        UNION
        SELECT borrowernumber, reserve_id FROM old_reserves
    ) AS hold USING (borrowernumber)
INNER JOIN action_logs log ON log.object = hold.reserve_id AND log.module='HOLDS'
    LEFT JOIN borrowers librarian ON log.user = librarian.borrowernumber
WHERE
    patron.cardnumber = <<borrower cardnumber>>
AND log.timestamp BETWEEN <<Between (yyyy-mm-dd)|date>> AND <<and (yyyy-mm-dd)|date>>
ORDER BY log.timestamp
```